



TRUE LIGHT

RESURRECTION 2.8: WITH CHRIST

July 27, 2025

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Sunday School :
9:30 a.m.
Worship:
10:15 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00PM

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"This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Psalms 118:24

**We Welcome You
To All Of Our
Services**

Don't you wish you could've been there?

As I have read the story of Jesus in the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), I have caught myself yearning to have been present. I would love to have heard and seen Jesus at work in his earthly ministry. Because of that yearning, I've wondered:

What was the expression on his face when he said this or did that?

How did his eyes and touch communicate his compassion?

Did folks have a hard time seeing when the light pierced through the dancing dust and straw when the four friends dug a hole in that roof?

Maybe you're like me and have imagined these kinds of things as you've read the story of Jesus.

I'll also admit that part of me would never want to go back to Golgotha and see the Lord's horrifying agony. However, with all that he has done for me, I would like to have gone back and been there for him while he was so alone, abandoned, forsaken, denied, and betrayed by those close to him. I hope that I would have joined him in prayer for the misled crowd who mocked him as he pleaded, *Father forgive them, they don't know what they are doing*. I would like to have been there to say, "Amen!" to the Centurion's pronouncement of faith, *Surely, this was the Son of God!*

Most of all, I would like to have seen the resurrected Jesus. I would have been blessed to have been with Mary and the women who took the spices to the tomb and met Jesus! I'd love to have seen Peter and John as they raced to the tomb. I would have liked to have been the third disciple on the road to Emmaus. I would be thrilled to be able to go back to the upper room when the ten apostles met Jesus, and he ate fish to show them that he wasn't a ghost. I would gladly go back to have seen Thomas put his hands into scars on Jesus' body and confess, *My Lord and my God!* I would even settle for being with James, the half-brother of Jesus, when the Lord showed himself to his once unbelieving brother and ignited the faith in Jerusalem's future church leader. And, I believe it would have been a blessing to be with the 500 to whom Jesus appeared after his resurrection.

But I can't time travel. Neither can you. Or can we?

What if there was a way that we could meet Jesus and share in those events that saved us? Would you believe me if I told you there was and it was something Jesus planned and anticipated for us?

Listen carefully to the apostle Paul's words to folks who were feeling less Christian than those who personally knew Jesus:

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead (Colossians 2:9-12).

Paul is saying that if we have been baptized, we haven't missed out. Instead, we have been brought to fullness in Christ. We've received the full blessing! How? Well, the "flesh" part of us, that part of us sometimes called our sinful nature, was removed from us because we died and were buried with Jesus in baptism. We entered into his death experience. Then, through our faith in the powerful working of God, we have been raised with Jesus. We have not only believed in Jesus, but we have participated in the Lord's resurrection! The real and forever-living part of us has been raised with Christ and is guarded in the safety of God's presence until Jesus returns for us (Colossians 3:1-4).

Paul's teaching is an astounding promise we have often overlooked. Can it be true? Can we share in Jesus' death to honor his sacrifice and end the fleshly hold on us? Is it possible that we can be part of the Lord's resurrection story, today?

When we read from other places in the New Testament, this grace of sharing in Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection are talked about in even more detail (Romans 6:3-14). Our life, because of our trust in Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection, is joined to his and we are given new life with him (Titus 3:3-7; Romans 6:4). Just as the Spirit of the living God revived Jesus from the dead, we too are empowered by the Spirit to live a new life. Our sins are not just forgiven; they're also eradicated from us by the grace given us in the blood of Jesus and the cleansing brought to us through the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38-39; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11). And, because we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his (Romans 6:5)!

So, let's be more joyous and celebratory when we see someone baptized. Not only are they doing what Jesus sent us into the world to teach them to do (Matthew 28:18-20),

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BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

July 27 - Rick Beard
Amy Thomason



Attendance for July 20: 112

CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Instant Rice * Muffin Mixes * Pretzels *
Pasta (Bow Tie, Penne, Rotini) * Paper
Towels * Ibuprofen/Acetaminophen

Pick Up Date August 18

Contribution for July 13: \$4057

WILLING TO SERVE

July 27, 2025

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely
Scripture.....Jordan Ross
Prayer.....Jason Karnes
Closing Prayer.....Jess Lecroy

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Derek Mays
Prayer.....Justin Allen
Scripture.....Ron Garner
Dismissal.....David Burleson

Wednesday, July 30, 2025

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
Prayer.....Jerry McCoy
Dismissal.....Mike Duley

August 3, 2025

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Chase Burch
Opening Prayer.....Jason Karnes
Scripture.....Ryan Carter
Prayer.....Zack Tanner
Closing Prayer.....Justin Allen

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
Prayer.....David Burleson
Scripture.....Sam Garner
Dismissal.....Matt Ward

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as well as doing what Jesus himself did (Luke 3:20-22), they are providing us a great opportunity. We get to share their re-living Jesus' saving work as they participate in his death, burial, and resurrection and as they call on his name as Lord before us as their witnesses (Romans 10:9-13; Acts 22:16). The power of the cross and the empty tomb are real. More than a symbol or a step or work, we witness the gospel being experienced and shared (1 Corinthians 15:3-7).

I wasn't alive when Jesus died for me. I wasn't there when Joseph and Nicodemus buried him. I wasn't there when that stone rolled away, and Jesus was raised. But, I have been united with him in those events. He didn't just do them for me; he also has done them with me! Their power isn't long ago and far away, but can be experienced in our time. The power of his grace wasn't just in those moments then, but real again in the lives of people who believe that God can do anything, anytime he wants, and with whoever believes in the saving work of Jesus. Praise God, because we get to experience this grace ourselves, *with Christ!*

Phil Ware, www.heartlight.com

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Faye Dockins will begin radiation treatments soon. She continues to deal with macular degeneration as well * **Margaret Burch** (Loretta Carson's sister in law) recovering from open heart surgery * **Steve Jones** will have kidney surgery July 30 and hernia surgery later * **June Mothersbaugh** has been having trouble with an infection in her toe, making it difficult to walk * **Pat Cooper** hasn't been feeling well lately * **Cody Boyt** will see a heart doctor July 30 * **Bettie Thurston** is at Winchester on hospice care and is some better * **Joe Vincent's** cancer is back and he is not doing well * **Cathy Provance** has his replacement surgery scheduled for mid August * **Wayne Halterman** (Regina's brother) has been in the hospital in ICU for some time

Continue praying for these members of our church family: Cody Boyt * Jerry Burleson * David Burleson * David Carson * Pat Cooper * Sue Flowers * Karen Forkum * Patsy (Hardy) Gregg * Helen McGowan * Jeff McGowan * Donna McKuin * Gloria Moore * Bettie Thurston * Woody Wood

Those dealing with cancer/other illness (non congregational) :

Melinda Akers * Chastity Beard * Cathy Bennett * Rodney Britt * Jeanie Buck * Scott Burleson * Roxanne Carson * Sherry Chambers * Tammy Clark * Randy Cravens * Barbara Denson * Bill Fitzpatrick * Misty (Owens) Frankling * Audrey Galloway * Emily Garner * Patricia Greninger * Stan Goodman * Renee Goodman * Christy Heskett * Nolan Hollowell * LeAnn Jacques * Tommy Jacques * Pam Jeralds * Holly Johnson * Kristin Meadows * Jerry Mickey * Connie Lemmons * Ponna Mahan * Betty Nicholson * Keagan Owens * Nikki Reif * Joe Richardson * Bobby Thornton * Mindy Tomah * Joe Vincent * Alan Woodward

Our Shut Ins

Pat Cooper * Sue Flowers * Bettie Thurston *

Looking Ahead:

July 28: Summer Youth Series at Green Forest at 7 p.m.

July 30: Summer Series Speaker this week will be Chase Almond from the Grace Point church of Christ in Jonesboro.

August 2: Celebration of Life for Janie Burleson at 1 p.m. in the auditorium.

August 3: First Sunday potluck and early evening service. We will have a potluck meal following morning service and an early, 1 p.m. evening service. Everyone is encouraged to stay for both the potluck and afternoon service.

August 4: Summer Youth Series at Shady Acres at 7 p.m.

August 7: Ladies Retreat planning meeting in the fellowship room at 6:30 p.m.

August 11: Summer Youth Series at Dexter at 7 p.m.

August 12: Ladies Lunch Out at 11:30 at the Airways Café in Dexter.

September 14: Nathan Feguson will be here to talk about the mission work in Chimala

September 27: Children's Homes 70th anniversary homecoming and open house. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

THANK YOU! To everyone who helped make our VBS a success this year. No matter what part you played, it was important, needed and appreciated.

Bible Trivia:

Which of Joseph's brothers was left behind as a hostage when the other nine returned to bring Benjamin to Egypt? * In order to win the battle with Amalek, Aaron and Hur helped Moses by...? * Zipporah had a very famous husband. What was his name? * What was the

Answers: Simeon (Gen. 42:18-20,24) * Holding up his hands was the first woman judge of Israel (Judges 4:4-5).
(Exodus 17:11-13) * Moses (Exodus 2:21) * Deborah, and she

In Sympathy:

Sympathy is extended to Julie Garner in the passing of her father and our brother in Christ, Gordon Hogan, who went to be with Jesus Tuesday evening. Arrangements were not known at the time of publication.